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Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and

Those well-intentioned persons who have been making a careful study of taxation problems, and contrasting the systems that have been in use in Ohio recently, see significance in this editorial, "From State to State," in the Independent and Harper's Weekly, May 29:

"Last year, under a new law, the collection of the Oklahoma income tax was taken out of the hands of the county assessors and turned over to the state auditor. Under the old law the assessors had found only 157 persons subject to the tax and had collected only \$2,900. In the first year under the new law State Auditor Howard succeeded in collecting more than \$200,000. Believing that he had not yet found more than half of what was due, he recently went to Washington to get the names of 2,300 Oklahomans who are understood to have paid income tax to the federal government. Access to the records there was denied him and he took the matter to Senator Gore and the Oklahoma congressmen, with the result that they are seeking to change the federal law so as to provide for the interchange of such information between the federal tax authorities and those of the states having income tax laws."

Things politically are still seething in Hamilton county. The efforts of the peace-makers sent by the state administration have failed. Evidence of this is given in a recent issue of the Cincinnati Republican, which says editorially:

Rudolph Hynicka, by the assistance of the state Republican organization, is being forced to the front as a prominent Republican leader in Ohio. The same corrupt bunch that was shown up during a former administration is again trying to mount to leadership. They are seemingly accepted with open arms by the state Republican organization. It means this: That if that part of the Republican organization which stands for decency and right, again takes unto itself that cancerous mass of corruption, then the whole organization will become contaminated and the Republican party will again go upon the rocks. We, who represent that portion of the Republican party that has made its leadership strong, noble and efficient, will never stand for the inoculation from such a cesspool of rottenness as that represented by the nationally discredited but dominant element in Cincinnati Republican politics.

The common-sense Progressive from-principle, who followed Roosevelt gladly to defeat for a purpose, is now refusing to be sold and delivered by leaders who have bargained them to the G. O. P. bosses who ruled at Chicago. As one of those expressed it: "Perkins and Garford have plenty of money and such men will be welcomed in leadership councils where money talks. We have nothing but principle and the fellows engineering our destruction now care nothing for that."

Genuine progressives who followed Roosevelt in 1912, not because he was a popular idol, but because they believed in the demands made by their party platform, will do well to reread that first pronouncement of their political faith. The Democrats have already made most of it into law.

Among other things the present Democratic administration has done more to build up the army and navy than did any of its Republican predecessors—a fact that Republican campaigners will not be permitted to forget.

The two things that make the Democratic platform stand out among the great political documents of the country's history are its Americanism and its Democracy. It is a charter of national honor and individual freedom.

Are those Republicans who have shouted "On to Mexico" for months when there was no adequate provocation going to stand by the American government now that provocation compels action?

Red blooded Americans resent criticism of the president from those who dare not say what they would have done had they been in the president's place.

NOTABLES IN THE LIMELIGHT

Li Yuan Hung, New President of Chinese Republic.



Li Yuan Hung, who succeeded the late Yuan Shih Kai as president of the Chinese republic, will hold office until October, 1917, when the five year term for which his predecessor was elected will expire.

The new president comes from the great mid-Yangtze province of Hupeh, where he was born fifty-two years ago of middle class parents of moderate means. He illustrates the motley official life of the Chinese in that he has been both a naval officer and a major in the army. A graduate of the Peking Naval college, he was stationed aboard a Chinese cruiser and saw service during the Japanese war. Later he took a course of military study in Japan, specializing in fortifications, and became a protégé of Viceroy Chang Chingling. He followed the latter to Wuchang, where as a pioneer in army reorganization he planned the maneuvers of 1903.

On the outbreak of the revolution at Wuchang in 1911 he was coerced into accepting command of the revolutionary forces, whose operations he directed. He figured prominently in the subsequent peace conference at Shanghai, and when Yuan Shih Kai loomed up as the only ultimate choice for president Li Yuan Hung was elected vice president as the most likely counterpoise to the ambitions of Yuan. He was also appointed chief of the general staff and advanced to the rank of general.

Li Yuan Hung is said not to be a dominating personality and is not expected to insist on those autocratic prerogatives which made Yuan's tenure of office incompatible with constitutionalism. It is generally believed that he will be president more after the French manner or after that of America.

German Fleet Commander.

Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, who commanded the German high seas fleet at the famous battle in the North sea, was a vice admiral when that great engagement took place. When the German fleet returned to its station in



ADMIRAL REINHARDT SCHEER.

por William promoted Scheer to the rank of full admiral as a reward for his service.

Last February Admiral Scheer was appointed to the temporary command of the fleet when the late Admiral von Pohl, who had held the post for a year, was forced to retire because of illness. Scheer's appointment was only made permanent a few days before the battle of the Skagerrak.

The new fleet commander is considered one of the most skillful tacticians in the German navy and is also noted as an officer not only of forcefulness, but of ideas. For a long time he was employed as director of the general marine department at the admiralty and has held command in the active service as chief of staff of the high seas fleet and as commander of a battle squadron.

TRINIDAD'S PUZZLE

Mystery of the Island's Curious Lake of Pitch.

HOLES FILL UP OVERNIGHT.

And Great Trenches More Than Three Feet Deep Will Be Obliterated in a Week—The Great Mass is Solid, Yet in Constant but Slow Motion.

Though disappointing at first sight to people who have the crater of an active volcano in mind, yet the famous "pitch lake" of Trinidad is remarkable enough to satisfy most thoroughly long ere the visit has come to an end.

The lake is a level plain about a hundred acres or so in extent, surrounded by low hills and dotted here and there with bushes and trees. The surface is not a shimmering black, as might be supposed, but a dull, grayish blue color, intersected with pools of shining water. Altogether it is a very prosaic looking place, giving no hint of its real interest.

One can walk where one pleases on the surface of the asphalt without any fear of sinking in, for it is quite solid enough to bear one's weight. If you stand in one place for a little while it feels hot to the feet, just like an asphalt street on a very hot day.

Much of the time a fresh breeze blows, and one remembers with amusement the stories of the imaginative writers who talked about stifling heat and oppressive atmosphere.

The digging of the asphalt is a simple operation. A mattock is the only tool required, and under its blows the pitch breaks readily. The negroes employed are very skilled in the work and break out lumps a couple of feet across, far too heavy for an ordinary man to carry.

Only a very small amount of the material gets broken into little pieces, so that scarcely any baskets are needed to carry the asphalt to the cars. A laborer simply lifts one or two lumps, puts them on his head, walks a few yards and drops them into the car.

The crude asphalt, as broken out, is somewhat brownish or earthy in color. It is usually quite wet and filled with many holes, like bubbles, measuring up to an inch or more in diameter.

The gang of barefooted workmen in one place may number thirty men, of whom half a dozen do the digging. They work on a space perhaps sixty feet long and forty feet wide, and in the course of a day they will dig down to a depth of three feet, or more in some places.

Go to this same spot next morning, and you will find it a little rough, but approximately level with the rest of the lake. The hole has been mysteriously filled up during the night, and in the course of a week all traces of the digging will be obliterated.

This does not mean necessarily that fresh asphalt has come into the lake from underground sources. On the contrary, the excavations are filled by a very slow settling or leveling of the surface asphalt. There is no such thing as "new" asphalt, by the way, for the transition from liquid petroleum to solid asphalt by nature's process involves a period of time that must be calculated in centuries.

The digging done in past years has caused the general level of the lake to sink several feet, so that it is not absolutely inexhaustible, as some people imagine. It is believed that fresh asphalt very slowly pushes itself upward into the lake from the subterranean depths, but how large a quantity is thus added annually has not been calculated.

Near the middle of the lake the material is so hard that it is difficult to dig in a few places soft asphalt may be seen in small, irregular patches oozing up from below. This fresh asphalt is of about the consistency of putty and can be kneaded and pulled in the hands without soiling them greatly. In the main, however, the lake is solid asphalt.

No one knows the depths of this mysterious lake, the only information on the subject being the fact that long ago a boring was made to a depth of 135 feet without reaching the bottom. The "cores" of this and other borings show that in consistency the asphalt remains the same to a very considerable depth.

Curious as it may seem, there are many evidences that the entire mass comprising the lake is in constant but very slow motion. The surface is a series of great folds, and in the creases between these the rain water gathers. One writer has aptly compared the surface of the asphalt to the skin of a great elephant, the creases being the folds in his hide. Along the edges of the pools of water grass, bushes and small trees take root, forming green "islands" of greater or less extent. Victor Pl. Kestley in Wide World Magazine.

An Aid to Canned Music.

In the Woman's Home Companion a writer makes the following suggestion: "Take a blank book I copy the words of a song and over it I buy for my phonograph and hand this book to my friends as I play the records. Understanding the words perfectly adds much to their pleasure."

His Interest.

Mrs. Quizer—Didn't I hear that you were interested in the steel construction business? Mr. De Hille—Oh, yes; I'm deeply interested in it. Whenever I run across a gang of structural workers I stand around and watch them by the hour.—Toledo Blade

Do not be too credulous, yet if a sign says "Wet Paint" believe it.—Youth's Companion.

JOHN Q. TILSON

Connecticut Soldier Who Quits Congress For Front.



Photo by American Press Association.

ROOSEVELT TO MAKE SPEECHES FOR HUGHES

Colonel Dines With Republican Candidate For President.

New York, June 29.—In a love feast in which only the two participated at the Hotel Astor Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential nominee, and Theodore Roosevelt assured each other that they are at one on all the issues of the present campaign, and Colonel Roosevelt pledged himself to make three or four speeches for the former Justice.

Mr. Hughes dictated this statement: "I was much pleased with Colonel Roosevelt's letter of endorsement, and he has expressed himself in a very kindly way with respect to my telegram to the Progressive committee. I wanted to talk with Colonel Roosevelt fully with regard to the issues of the campaign and asked him to dine with me, so that we might have that opportunity. We had a very delightful interview. We talked very fully over all matters and are in complete accord."

The colonel expressed himself no less enthusiastically. The two had had a most satisfactory talk, he said, and he was greatly pleased. He declared that he agreed most heartily with the attitude taken by Mr. Hughes toward the great questions at issue, and had assured Mr. Hughes that he would support him with the utmost heartiness.

American Soldier Killed.

Washington, June 29.—One American soldier was killed and another wounded in an engagement reported by Rear Admiral Caperton between United States marines and Santo Domingo rebels. The rebel losses were not given. The name of the marine killed was given as Private John Acritment of the Twenty-seventh company. The rebels were scattered.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

EAST BUFFALO, June 29.
Cattle—Shipping, \$5@11 10; butchers, \$7 75@9 25; heifers, \$7 25@9 50; cows, \$4 25@7 75; bulls, \$5@7 85; fresh cows and springers, \$10@10 105; calves, \$4 50@12 25.

Hogs—Heavy, \$10 20@10 25; mixed, \$10 15@10 20; Yorkers, \$10@10 20; pigs, \$10; roughs, \$8 50@8 75; stags, \$6 50@7 25; Sheep and Lambs—Yearlings, \$5 50@10 10; wethers, \$5@8 25; ewes, \$4@7 50; lambs, \$7@12.

Receipts—Cattle, 300; hogs, 2,500; sheep and lambs, 800; calves, 350.

CHICAGO, June 29.
Cattle—Native beef steers, \$7 50@11 25; stockers and feeders, \$5 75@8 50; cows and heifers, \$2 75@9 85; calves, \$8 50@11 75.

Hogs—Light, \$9 50@9 75; mixed, \$9 35@9 85; heavy, \$9 25@9 50; roughs, \$9 25@9 40; pigs, \$7 50@8 25.

Sheep and Lambs—Wethers, \$6 90@7 55; lambs, \$7 25@11 35.

Receipts—Cattle, 15,000; hogs, 34,000; sheep and lambs, 11,000.

PITTSBURGH, June 29.
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$9@10 50; butcher steers, \$8 50@9 40; heifers, \$8 25; cows, \$5 75@7 75; bulls, \$6 75@9 75; calves, \$6 25@12 50.

Hogs—Heavy, \$10@10 10; heavy Yorkers, \$10@10 05; light Yorkers, \$9 75@9 85; pigs, \$9 50@9 65.

Sheep and Lambs—Top sheep, \$7 75; top lambs, \$9.

Receipts—Hogs, 3,000; sheep and lambs, 1,000; calves, 200.

CINCINNATI, June 29.
Cattle—Steers, \$5 75@10 10; heifers, \$5 50@8 85; cows, \$4 50@7 25; calves, \$5@11 25.

Hogs—Packers and butchers, \$9 60@9 80; common to choice, \$7@9; pigs and lambs, \$5 50@8 50; stags, \$6@7.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$3@7; lambs, \$7@11 50.

Receipts—Cattle, 400; hogs, 2,500; sheep and lambs, 2,400.

BOSTON, June 29.
Wool—Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces; Delaine washed, 27¢; Set half, blood combing, 27¢; Set full, blood combing, 27¢; Delaine unwashed, 24¢.

TOLEDO, June 29.
Wheat, \$1 05 1/2; corn, 78¢; oats, 41¢; clover seed 18 1/2¢.

MEXICAN

TROUBLE FIGURES IN PROBABLE POSTPONEMENT

Of the Knox Co. Fish and Game Association Picnic—All Cars Have Requested by Government—Definite News Later

Owing to the fact that every car not in regular service by the railroads has been requisitioned by the U. S. government for the transportation of troops it is probable that the picnic of the Knox County Fish & Game association will be postponed until the latter part of July or the first of August.

Word has been received here by the local agent of the Pennsylvania lines that it would probably be impossible for the company to furnish the special train which was to make the trip from Mt. Vernon to the Caves. A message giving positive information is expected Friday and unless the train can be secured the picnic will be postponed.

EPILEPTIC

MISTREATED AND HUMANE OFFICER LYBARGER CALLED

Humane Officer Jacob M. Lybarger was in Brandon Wednesday, investigating a case of alleged cruelty to a small boy, who is unfortunate enough to be an epileptic.

The case was reported by a neighbor who refused to give her name in a telephone conversation. Officer Lybarger found evidence that the boy had been whipped. The mother of the child was very excited over the visit of the officer and feared arrest greatly.

Officer Lybarger, after an investigation, talked to the mother of the child and offered to give her another chance before making any affidavit.

Mrs. M. M. Russell of Howard spent Tuesday with friends in Mt. Vernon. George E. Yauger, No. 5 West High street, has a full line of fireworks. Mrs. O. F. Cooper of East Gambier street went to Columbus Wednesday to spend a few days with Mrs. H. H. Griffith.

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THEN AND NOW

April 22, 1861—Knox County Guards, organized by President Lorin Andrews of Kenyon college with the rank of captain, constitute the first volunteer troops offered to Governor Dennison of Ohio. Captain Andrews' name was the first in the state received by the governor.

June 28, 1916—Knox the only county of the state unrepresented in some way in the troops ready for a call to Mexico.

WILL OCCUR SOON

***Brandon Tent No. 551, K. O. T. M., will install its officers on Saturday night, July 1.

***The third quarterly conference of the Mt. Vernon Circuit, Rev. David A. Morris, pastor, will be held Sunday evening, July 2, at Brinkhaven. Rev. Austin Philpott, district superintendent, will preach.

***Ice cream social and parcel post sale at Grove church on Tuesday, July 4.

COUNTRY CLUB

PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENING, JULY 4

The picnic of the Mt. Vernon country club will be held in the evening on the Fourth of July at the club grounds. A mistaken impression gained currency that the affair was to be held at noon. The fireworks display at night promises to be unusual.

ly attractive. A number of members are planning to spend the entire day on the grounds.

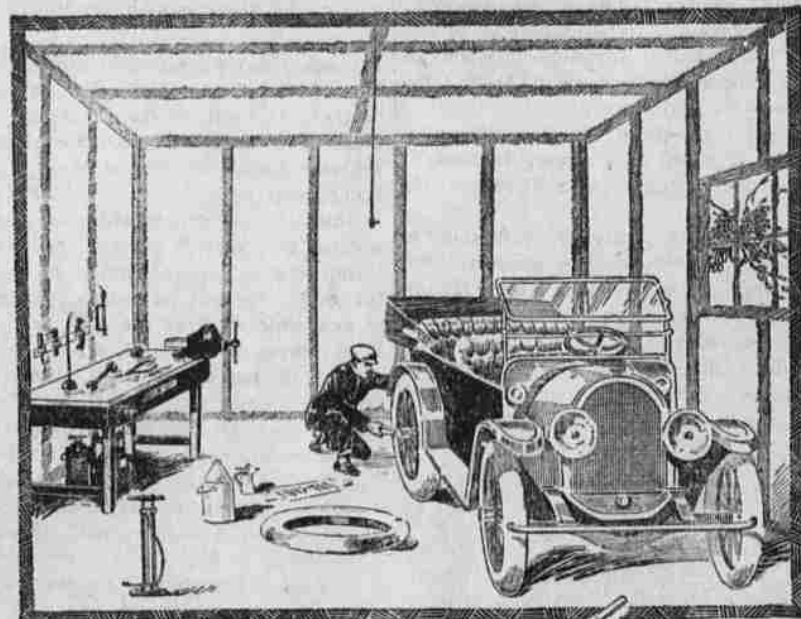
J. A. Stoye of East Burgess street left Wednesday for Cincinnati where he will spend a few days on business. Ed. Coxen and Winifred Greenwood in a Flying A feature in three parts at White Palace tonight, 5c.

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